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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, the shortened statutory response period for which expires on November 12, 2003, please enter the following response in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Formal Drawings begin on Page 7 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on Page 15 of this Amendment.

It is believed that a fee of \$86 is due for the submission of one independent claim beyond the three independent claims for which a fee previously had been paid. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 501402. If any additional fees are due, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 501402.

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